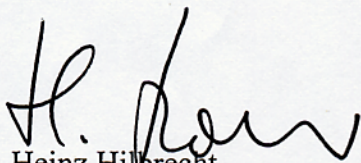
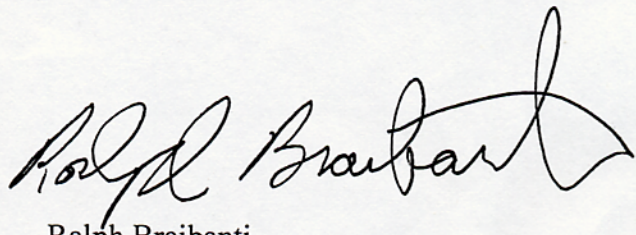


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The European Commission (EC) and the United States (US) held productive talks the week of 17-21 November in The Hague, the Netherlands, where the Parties bridged several outstanding issues regarding the EC's Galileo satellite navigation system and the US Global Positioning System (GPS). Most significantly, in view of national security and performance considerations, the Parties identified a mutually acceptable modulation for Galileo Public Regulated Service. In regard to the second part of the package, concerning the Galileo Open Service the Parties noted that the technical discussions have made progress in clarifying differences. Further discussions are foreseen.



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